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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, FR

SUBJECT: UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION -- STEAMROLLER

TACTICS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: QUAI FULLY SHARES US CONCERN REGARDING LDC STEAMROLLER TACTICS IN UNGA. WHILE HAVING NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON HANDLING FUTURE PROBLEMS, QUAI UN DIRECTOR FEELS US SHOULD RECONSIDER ITS SUPPORT OF CHARTER REVISION. HE ALSO RAISED QUESTION ABOUT US NON-PARTICIPATION IN WEO GROUP CAUCUSES BEFORE AND DURING RECENT SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END OF SUMMARY.

1. ECOMMIN AND EMBOFF HELD DISCUSSION MAY 30 WITH QUAI UN DIRECTOR LEPRETTE CONCERNING TACTICS OF LDC DELEGATIONS IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFS. LEPRETTE SAID GOF HAS CONCERNS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN REF A AND HE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION.

2. EARLY IN CONVERSATION LEPRETTE RAISED TWO POINTS WHICH SOMEWHAT CRITICAL OF USG. FIRST HE REFERRED
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TO FAILURE OF US DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN "WESTERN

EUROPEAN AND OTHER" GROUP CAUCUSES WHICH MIGHT HAVE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR COORDINATING POSITIONS BEFORE AND DURING SIXTH SPECIAL UNGA. HE MENTIONED ALSO THAT THIS APPARENT "INDIFFERENCE" WAS ESPECIALLY STRIKING AFTER USG HAD ATTACHED SO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO ALIGNING VIEWS IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS; HE HAD IN MIND PRIMARILY WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AND ITS FOLLOW-UP. SECONDLY, LEPRETTE POINTED OUT THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN SPECIAL SESSION MAY BE MINOR COMPARED TO DAMAGE WHICH COULD RESULT FROM UN CHARTER REVISION, WHICH, WITH US SUPPORT, WILL BE DISCUSSED AT FORTHCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE REMINDED US THAT GOF HAD ALWAYS WARNED OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM THUS OPENING PANDORA'S BOX AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON BASIS OF RECENT EXPERIENCE.

3. BALANCE OF DISCUSSION WITH LEPRETTE WAS EXTREMELY SYMPATHETIC TO USG CONSIDERATIONS IN SEEKING TO AVOID REPETITION OF "STEAMROLLER TACTICS" PER REF A. LEPRETTE EMPHASIZED THAT FRANCE HAD MADE ENTIRELY CLEAR ITS RESERVATIONS TO SO-CALLED CONSENSUS ADOPTED AT SPECIAL SESSION. HE ALSO SAID THAT SUBSEQUENTLY GOF HAS BEEN NOTIFYING FRIENDLY LDC'S THAT IT CONSIDERS STEAMROLLER TACTICS ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FROM POINT OF VIEW OF COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICULARLY NEED UN. LEPRETTE DID NOT IMPLY THIS WAS BEING DONE ON ORGANIZED BASIS, BUT RATHER WHEN OPPORTUNITY ARISES. FURTHER THAN THAT, LEPRETTE HAD NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE AS TO HOW THIS PROBLEM COULD BE HANDLED, BUT HE IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS FURTHER AS APPROPRIATE. HE AGREED WITH IDEA OF ENCOURAGING AWARENESS OF

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NATIONAL INTERESTS OF LDC'S IN STABLE INTERDEPENDENT
WORLD ECONOMY AND IN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ORGAN-
IZATIONS, PER PARA 4A REF B.

4. LEPRETTE CHARACTERIZED RESULTS OF SPECIAL UNGA AS
NOT ENTIRELY NEGATIVE. HE SAID DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WERE ABLE TO VOICE THEIR VIEWS, BOTH NEGATIVE AND
POSITIVE, WHICH GOF CONSIDERS ONE OF UN'S FUNCTIONS.
HE SAID NOT ALL POINTS IN DECLARATION AS ADOPTED WERE
BAD AND HE WAS EVEN OPTIMISTIC THAT AT SOME FUTURE
POINT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR
MOST EXTREME POSITIONS WERE NOT HELPFUL. SPECIFICALLY
LEPRETTE SAID WHOLE RANGE OF SUBJECTS, INCLUDING
ORIGINAL FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE,
WOULD PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED IN ECOSOC DURING JULY,
HOPEFULLY WITH MORE POSITIVE RESULTS.

5. COMMENT: SINCE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS JUST
TAKEN OVER, QUAI IS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN POSITION TO
TAKE CLEAR-CUT POSITIONS ON CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS.
WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN UNDER NEW ADMINISTRATION
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GOF WILL BE RELUCTANT TO LINE UP PUBLICALLY WITH USG
IN WHAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS CONFRONTATION WITH
THIRD WORLD -- A BLOC WITH WHICH FRANCE HAS LONG
ATTEMPTED TO IDENTIFY ITSELF AND TO WHICH GISCARD
DEVOTED SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN HIS MAY 30 MESSAGE TO
PARLIAMENT. EMBASSY HAS NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, BUT
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT REACTION TO TWO POINTS IN
PARA TWO ABOVE SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW UP ON THIS
CONVERSATION WITH LEPRETTE.
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